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SUBJ: VOLSPKR WILLIAM E. GRIFFITH EVALUATION

1. PROFESSOR WILLIAM GRIFFITH, MIT AND FLETCHER SCHOOL,
CONSULTANT TO NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. PERSPECTIVE ON EAST-
WEST RELATIONS; PERSPECTIVE ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY; POLITICAL
FORCES IN THE U.S.; PROSPECTS FOR DETENTE.
2. QUALITY OF PERFORMANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF DIALOGUE:
OUTSTANDING, PARTICULARLY IN DISCUSSIONS. RELEVANCE TO OBJECTIVES:
HIGHLY RELEVANT, SINCE DR. GRIFFITH SPEAKS ARTICULATELY AND
WITH CONSIDERABLE INSIGHT ABOUT CURRENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS
AFFECTING U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS. FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCE:
FLUENCY IN FRENCH AND GERMAN A GREAT PLUS FOR INFORMAL DIALOGUES
AND SOCIAL OCCASIONS.
3. DURING HIS MAY 31 - JUNE 4 VISIT TO POLAND, DR. GRIFFITH
GAVE THREE FORMAL PRESENTATIONS, TWO IN WARSAW AND THE OTHER IN
POZNAN, WHERE HE SPOKE TO 30 SCHOLARS AT THE WESTERN
INSTITUTE. IN WARSAW HE SPOKE WITH ABOUT 15 FACULTY AND STAFF

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AT THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF ADVANCED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES;
BOTH DIRECTOR ANDRZEJ LAWROCKI AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR LONGIN
PASTUSIAK WERE AMONG THOSE PARTICIPATING. LATER HE LECTURED TO
ABOUT TEN PERSONS AT POLAND'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE. ALL
THREE AUDIENCES CLEARLY FOUND DR. GRIFFITH'S PRESENTATIONS
IMPRESSIVE, STIMULATING AND PROVOCATIVE. GRIFFITH WAS PARTICU-
LARLY EFFECTIVE IN COGENTLY, SOMETIMES BLUNTLY, REFUTING

IDEOLOGICAL OR DOCTRINAIRE ARGUMENTS.

4. IN ADDITION TO HIS LECTURES, DR. GRIFFITH MET WITH A CONSIDERABLE VARIETY OF POLES, IN AND OUTSIDE THE ESTABLISHMENT. AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN IN HIS HONOR BY AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE JUNE 1, GRIFFITH MET WITH, AMONG OTHERS, AMBASSADOR MARIAN DOBROSIELSKI, DIRECTOR OF THE POLISH INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS; RYSZARD WOJNA, CHIEF POLITICAL COMMENTATOR OF TRIBUNA LUDU AND A CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER; JERZY GORSKI, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITOR OF PAP, AND JAN ZAKREWSKI, A LEADING POLISH RADIO COMMENTATOR. ON OTHER OCCASIONS GRIFFITH MET WITH EDWARD LIPINSKI, WRITER AND ECONOMIST; JOZEF CZYREK, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; JOZEF BARECKI, EDITOR IN CHIEF OF TRYBUNA LUDU; FORMER SEJM MEMBER STANISLAW STOMMA; AND DISSIDENT LEADERS, AMONG THEM JACEK KURON, AND EDITORS OF THE SAMIZDAT PUBLICATION "OPINIA."

5. GRIFFITH'S VISIT WAS PARTICULARLY TIMELY BECAUSE OF ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI'S VISIT TO CHINA AND DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAIRE. DURING HIS LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS, HE MADE EFFECTIVE USE OF WIRELESS FILE-SUPPLIED MATERIAL, SEVERAL TIMES READING FROM THE TRANSCRIPT OF BRZEZINSKI'S TELEVISION INTERVIEW EARLIER IN THE WEEK.

6. GRIFFITH WAS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE SPEAKERS WE HAVE HAD, PROVIDING FORCEFUL AND ARTICULATE ANALYSIS OF THE FACTORS AFFECTING AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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